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REDUCING MOTION OF FLOATING	)	
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants request the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 and of the accompanying UK Patent Office Search Reports.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

Several of the foreign patent documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are not in English. The following remarks are offered with respect to the non-English documents.

JP 61-077591 has no English language counterpart and applicants do not have an English translation. An English abstract/patent family search is provided to serve as a brief statement of relevance.

JP 9-071293 has no English language counterpart and applicants do not have an English translation. An English abstract/patent family search is provided to serve as a brief statement of relevance.

JP 2002-068079 has no English language counterpart and applicants do not have an English translation. An English abstract/patent family search is provided to serve as a brief statement of relevance.

While two of the foreign patent documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 were previously submitted with the First Information Disclosure Statement filed April 7, 2006, these documents are not in English and English abstracts and/or translations were not previously provided. These documents were cited in the International Search Report issued in corresponding application No. PCT/US2004/004266; a copy of the International Search Report was provided to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office with the First Information Disclosure Statement. For the Examiner's convenience, a further copy of the International Search Report is provided herewith. The following remarks are offered with respect to these non-English language citations.

NL 1020053 is in Dutch. No English-language counterpart is available. An English abstract/patent family search is enclosed as a brief statement of relevance. The International Search Report also serves as a brief statement of relevance for this document.

FR 2769578 is in French. No English-language counterpart is available. An English abstract/patent family search is enclosed as a brief statement of relevance. The International Search Report also serves as a brief statement of relevance for this document.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider this statement and cited references and that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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